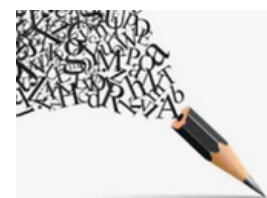




Dear Willow Bank Parents and Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been an exciting and eventful week at Willow Bank Primary School, and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you.

Visit from English Leaders across Bexley: This week, we had the pleasure of hosting English Leaders from across Bexley, who spent a morning observing writing lessons, looking at children's writing outcomes in books, and engaging in insightful conversations with both children and staff. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Here are some comments they shared:



"Fabulous visit! It was lovely to see how engaged the children were in their learning and how willing they are to articulate their learning to new visitors!"

"It was so lovely to see how your learning environment provides inspiration in every corner of the school for both reading and writing. Particularly how all your displays model presentation expectations."

"Thank you for sharing your wonderful writing and learning environment. Reading/writing in reception class was excellent. The environment/activities were exciting and encouraged learning – oracy and purpose very clear. This high quality was consistent across the school. Quality and excellence!"

Thank you to Mr. Poole, Assistant Headteacher and Writing Lead, for organising and leading this successful visit which we hope will be the first of many.



Almond Class Trip to the British Museum: Almond Class had an enriching visit to the British Museum as part of their History topic on Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The children showcased exemplary behaviour, serving as wonderful ambassadors for our school. We are delighted that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience while expanding their knowledge on the topic.

Young Voices Event at the O2, Greenwich: Today, our Willow Bank Primary School choir is participating in the prestigious Young Voices event at the O2 in Greenwich. After months of dedication and rehearsals, the children are excited to join thousands of others in performing alongside established musicians and artists. We can't wait to share their experiences with you next week!



Important Reminders: A letter was sent home yesterday with some essential reminders as we approach the half-way point of this academic year. Your continued support is crucial in enabling us to maintain high expectations and standards at Willow Bank.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Willow Bank Primary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



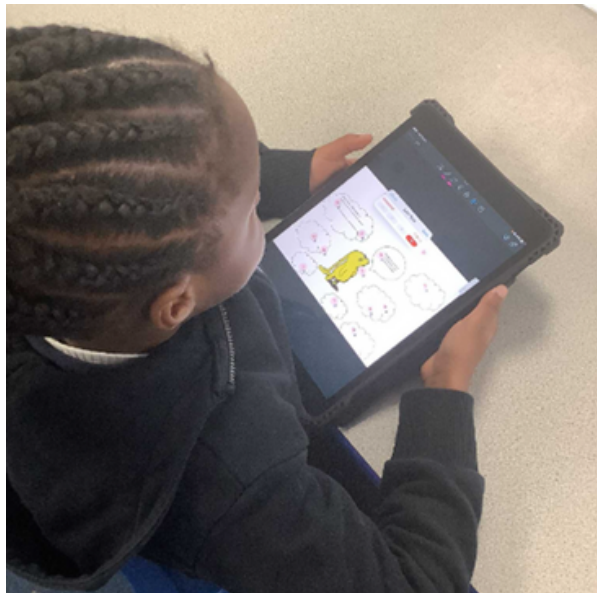
Reception class

This week Magnolia have been learning about vegetables and planting seeds alongside reading the story 'The Gigantic Turnip'.



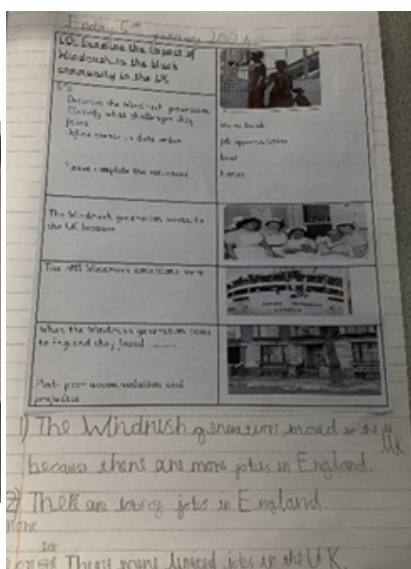
Year 1

In year 1, the children have been using their knowledge from Autumn 1 to inform Beegu about their local area. The children informed Beegu about where we live, what physical and human features there are and their favorite part about Abbey wood in comparison to Beegu's hometown.

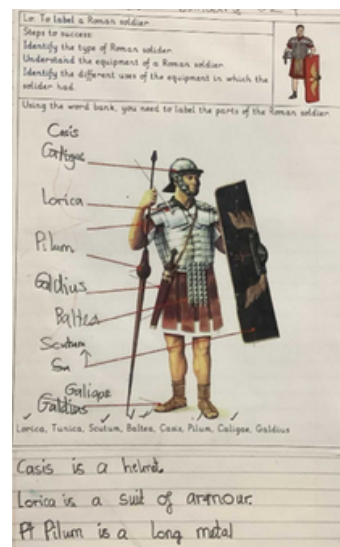
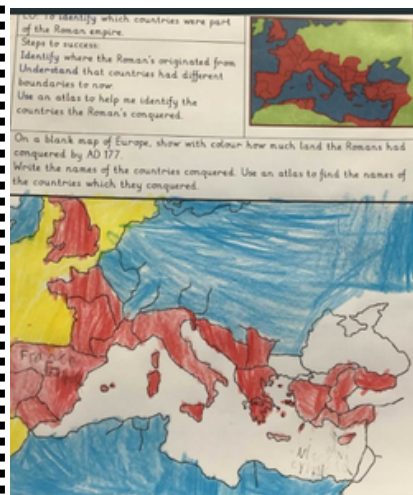


Year 2

Hornbeam's humanities focus has been on the Windrush generation, with particular focus on Olive Morris. She represents the courage and fortitude of that generation. She witnessed both racism and prejudice. In the lessons we have been exploring how Olive challenged authorities using non-violent methods. The children have been fascinated by her courage and how she galvanised members of the community to fight for equality.



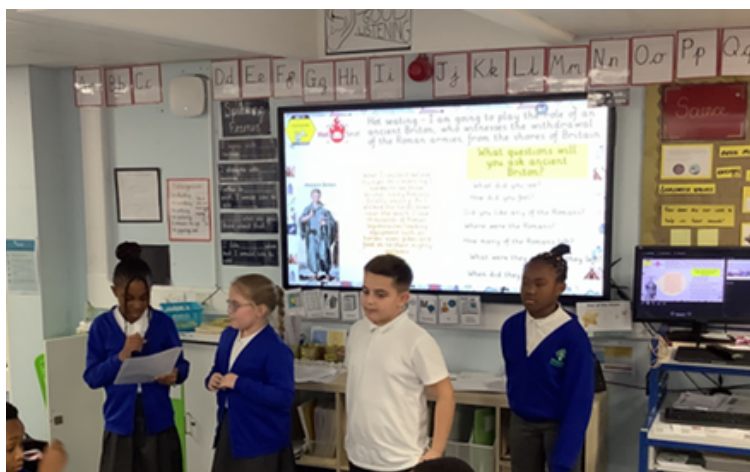
Year 3



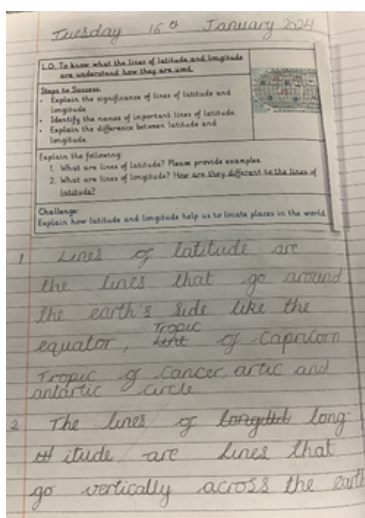
In year 3, we have been looking at the Roman Empire. Initially, we started off by looking at the countries that the Roman's conquered. Building upon this, we started to look at their armies and what they made their armies stronger than their counterparts. We identified that they had two types of soldiers, the legionaires and the auxiliary soldiers. After careful scrutiny, we noticed that both types of soldiers had similarities with their weapons and their armour.



Year 4



Year 4 are learning about the Vikings this term. We started by looking at the collapse of the Roman Empire before the Saxons became a force. Our pupils have taken on the role of budding reporters in a special news report about the Romans leaving Britain! In this engaging activity, the children stepped into the shoes of news anchors, reporters, and even ancient Roman citizens to bring history to life.



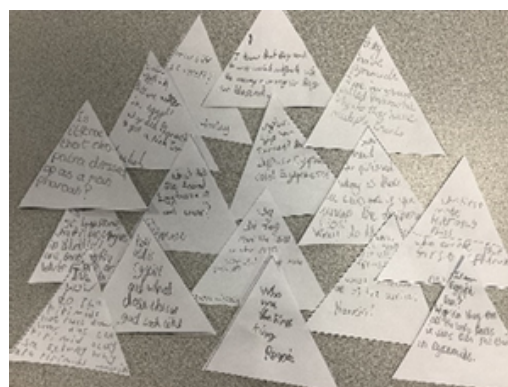
In humanities, children in Year 6 focused on grasping geographical concepts, particularly lines of longitude and latitude. Through interactive methods using maps and digital tools, students understand the practical significance of these coordinates in locating places on Earth. Children not only acquired geographical knowledge but also developed critical thinking skills as they ponder the implications of these coordinates on travel, trade and cultural exchange.

Year 6

In History, Year 5 have been studying the Ancient Egyptians. We have compared them to other ancient civilisations and can identify where they are situated both in the world and on a timeline.



Year 5

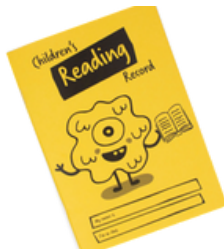


OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS KINDNESS





EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning
Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am



All parents and carers welcome!

We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.

Key Dates

Next week:

Wednesday 24/01/24: - Y5 visit to Greenwich Islamic Centre, 10am - 12:30pm.

Forthcoming date:

Monday 29/01/2024: - Bedtime Story Day.

Tuesday 30/01/2024: - Y3 Redwood trip to City Wall.

Wednesday 31/01/24: - Y4 Laburnum trip to British Museum.





A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

All our children are able to write a slip and post it thought the box, which is checked by the well-being team.

Each child is given a certain amount of time to talk to a member of wellbeing. In this time children are free to talk about what ever they wish.

This gives each and every child to get that 1:1 time.



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 94%	Yew - 93.50%
Hornbeam - 91%	Redwood - 95%
★ Laburnum - 100%	★ Almond - 96.6%
★ Hazel - 97.4%	Walnut - 94.5%
★ Larch - 99%	★ Sycamore - 98%
 	

Free School Meals for All Primary Aged Children Until 2025



We are delighted to share the news that free school meals are now available to all primary-aged children until 2025. This announcement from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, brings great relief to many families. A letter has been sent home with more details, so please look out for it.





THE HUNDRED CLUB

THE HUNDRED CLUB IS AN EXPERIMENTAL CREATIVE SPACE FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS, THEIR SIBLINGS, PARENTS AND CARERS.

The club uses arts and play as a way of children exploring social justice issues.



Join us for sessions on zine making, sculpture, designing games, building our own playgrounds, and more....

A family club, we ask parents and carers to stay for the sessions and get involved!

The Hundred Club is produced by TACO! and facilitated by Ruth Beale and other visiting artists.

THE HUNDRED CLUB IS FREE TO ATTEND.

For more info and to register your family's place, visit <https://TACO.org.uk/The-Hundred-Club>



THE HUNDRED CLUB

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WITH CURTIS DONOVAN

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MULTI-SPORTS AT OLD BEXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOOTBALL AT DANSON SPORTS CLUB

12 FEBRUARY TO 16 FEBRUARY

09:00 TO 16:00 MONDAY TO FRIDAY | OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS

RECEPTION TO YEAR 8



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Football Boots to be won!

February Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Northumberland Heath Primary School,
Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE
(Brook Street entrance)

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

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New Prizes to be won!

February Half Term MULTI-SPORT COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 4-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Limewood Primary School,
2 Sandy Road, Erith,
Kent, DA8 1FJ

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Sports include: Basketball; Dodgeball; Handball;
Motor Skills; Kick Ball; Benchball; Football; Tag Rugby;
Racket Skills; Tennis; Badminton.

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